

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Richard DUBETTIER-GERNIER, et al.

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Title: Method for Renovating a Combined Blast Furnace and Air/Gas Separation Unit System

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Examiner: Tima Michele MCGUTHRY-BANKS

Docket No.: Serie 6501

Customer No.: 40582

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 3, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 3, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.